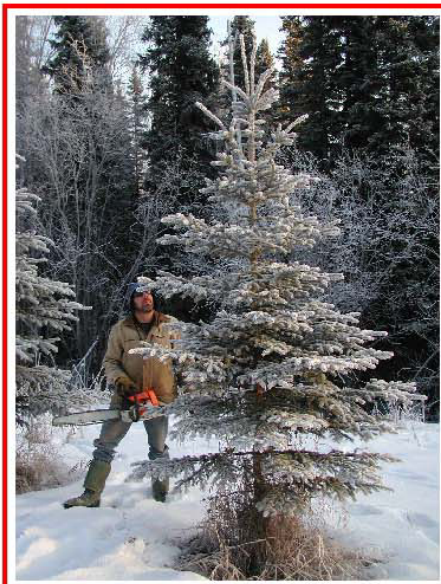


## Conditions for cutting Christmas Trees

1. Properly identify land ownership, including power line right of ways. Make sure you are within the Tanana Valley State Forest.
2. No cutting in the Bonanza Creek Experimental Forest, Zasada Road, or Rosie Creek Road.
3. Trees are to be used for personal use and are not to be sold.
4. Maximum tree size is 15 feet.
5. One tree per household.
6. The Division of Forestry does not provide for road maintenance or snow removal on forest roads. We strongly recommend that when travelling on these forest roads you should have tire chains, shovel, tow strap, and extra warm clothing.
7. There is NO CHARGE, have a Merry Christmas.



For additional information contact the  
Division of Forestry at 907-451-2600

## Forest road safety

The forest industry has constructed over 150 miles of forest roads in the Tanana Valley State Forest. Logging trucks are common, PLEASE be alert and give them the right-of-way.



### Driving Safety Tips

1. Check with our office first.
2. Buckle-up
3. Yield to oncoming industrial traffic.
4. Stay alert.
5. Obey all road signs.
6. Drive at a safe speed.
7. Drive with your lights on.
8. Do not block the road.
9. Use your C.B. but do not assume that you hear all traffic.
10. Watch out for road damage.
11. Report vandalism.
12. Be prepared.



## Christmas Tree care

Interior Alaska's black and white spruces make excellent Christmas trees, but they need proper care in order for them to remain fresh, attractive, and safe through out the holiday season.

### CUTTING

As temperatures are normally below zero in December, extra care should be taken when cutting down your tree.

To prevent brittle branches from being broken do not allow the tree to fall and hit the ground and do not drag the tree over snow and through brush.

### Home Care

The School of Agriculture and Land Resource Mgmt. compared the solutions of: water only; water and chlorine bleach; water, chlorine bleach and corn syrup combinations. Of these water exhibited the best needle retention for black and white spruce.

Researchers also found that needle retention for spruce was enhanced by a moist environment. This can be obtained by using a humidifier in the room in which the tree is located. In addition, the tree should be located away from heat sources.

Before putting the tree in its stand, cut an inch or two off the butt end. This fresh cut allows the tree to take up water more readily. Check the water at least once a day and make sure the base is always covered.

### Tanana Valley State Forest Tree Plantations.

In your travels throughout the Tanana Valley State Forest you will see many harvest units that have been planted with spruce trees for the next generation. Under no circumstances are trees to be removed from these sites.

